

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and claim listings in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of making a paperboard carton ~~cartons~~ with selectively reinforced panels, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) advancing a web of noncorrugated paperboard along a path, the web of noncorrugated paperboard having a width and longitudinally extending panel portions that will each become a plurality of panels, the longitudinally extending panel portions being separated by longitudinal fold lines in completed paperboard cartons;
 - (b) progressively applying and adhering at least ~~one ribbon~~ a first ribbon and a second ribbon of reinforcing material to the advancing web of noncorrugated paperboard, the ~~ribbon~~ first ribbon and the second ribbon having a width less than the width of the web of noncorrugated paperboard, the first ribbon and being positioned to overlie and adhere to substantially all of, but not beyond, a first selected longitudinally extending panel portion of the web, and the second ribbon being positioned to overlie and adhere to substantially all of, but not beyond, a second selected longitudinally extending panel portion of the web, the first ribbon and the second ribbon not extending across the longitudinal fold lines;
 - (c) cutting the web of noncorrugated paperboard to form a carton ~~blank blanks~~ having panels; and
 - (d) forming the carton blank ~~blanks~~ into a carton ~~cartons~~ for receiving articles, the ~~ribbon~~ first ribbon and the second ribbon of reinforcing material reinforcing ~~at least one panel of~~ the carton ~~cartons~~.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 1 and where in step (b) the at least one~~ wherein at least one of the first ribbon or
the second ribbon of reinforcing material is a ribbon of comprises paperboard.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 1 and wherein step (b) further comprises advancing the~~ first ribbon and the
second at least one ribbon of reinforcing material along a path, applying adhesive to the
advancing first ribbon and the advancing second ribbon, and progressively bringing the first
ribbon and the second ribbon into engagement with the advancing web of noncorrugated
paperboard to adhere the first ribbon and the second ribbon to the web.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 1 4 and wherein the web of noncorrugated paperboard has~~ longitudinally
extending panel portions include a first edge panel portion and a second edge panel portion, the
first edge panel portion and the second edge panel portion extending along opposed edges of the
web of paperboard edge portions and wherein at least one of the plurality of ribbons of
reinforcing material the first ribbon is positioned to overlie substantially all of, but not beyond,
~~[[a]] the first edge panel portion extending along an opposed edge portion of the web of~~
paperboard.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as
~~claimed in claim 1 4 and~~ wherein step (b) further comprises applying and adhering a first ribbon
atop either the first ribbon or the second ribbon of reinforcing material ~~to said web of~~
~~noncorrugated paperboard overlying substantially all of, but not beyond, a panel portion thereof~~
~~and applying and adhering a second~~ an additional ribbon of reinforcing material ~~atop the first~~
~~ribbon of reinforcing material~~ to form a double thickness of reinforcing material ~~overlying the~~
~~panel portion of the web.~~

7. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as
~~claimed in claim 1 4 and~~ wherein the longitudinal fold lines include a first longitudinal fold line
and a second longitudinal fold line, wherein an intermediate longitudinally extending panel
portion extends between the first longitudinal fold line and the second longitudinal fold line web
~~of noncorrugated paperboard has opposed edges and a panel portion intermediate the opposed~~
~~edges, and wherein at least one of the ribbons of reinforcing material~~ the first ribbon is
positioned to overlie substantially all of, but not beyond, the intermediate panel portion
~~intermediate the opposed edges of the web.~~

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as
~~claimed in claim 1 and~~ further comprising the step of printing indicia on at least one of the first
ribbon or the second ~~at least one~~ ribbon of reinforcing material, the indicia being visible from the
inside of the carton ~~cartons~~ formed in step (d).

10. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as
~~elaimed in claim 9 and~~ wherein the indicia is printed on at least one of the first ribbon or the
second at least one ribbon of reinforcing material before being the ribbon is applied and adhered
to the web of noncorrugated paperboard in step (b).

11. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as
~~elaimed in claim 1 and~~ further comprising the step of scoring fold lines ~~between~~ to separate the
longitudinally extending panel portions of the web of noncorrugated paperboard along which the
~~carton blanks are folded in step (d) to form cartons.~~

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as
~~elaimed in claim 11 12 and~~ wherein the first ribbon or the second at least one ribbon of
reinforcing material has an edge and wherein the step of scoring fold lines includes forming at
least one fold line adjacent the edge of the first ribbon or the second ribbon.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as
~~elaimed in claim 1 and where in step (b) the~~ at least one of the first ribbon or the second ribbon
of reinforcing material comprises paperboard trim.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 1 and were in step (b) the at least one~~ wherein at least one of the first ribbon or
the second ribbon of reinforcing material comprises paperboard cull.

16.-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method of making a paperboard carton blank ~~blanks~~ comprising
the steps of:

(a) advancing a web of noncorrugated paperboard along a path, the web of
noncorrugated paperboard having a width and longitudinally extending panel portions that will
each become a plurality of panels, the longitudinally extending panel portions being separated by
longitudinal fold lines ~~in completed carton blanks;~~

(b) laminating ~~a ribbon~~ at least a first ribbon and a second ribbon of reinforcing
material to the advancing web of noncorrugated paperboard, the first ribbon and the second
ribbon having a width less than the width of the web of noncorrugated paperboard, the first
ribbon ~~and~~ being positioned on, and adhered to, substantially all of, but not beyond, a first
longitudinally extending panel portion of the web of noncorrugated paperboard, and a second
ribbon being positioned on, and adhered to, substantially all of, but not beyond, a second
longitudinally extending panel portion of the web, the first ribbon and the second ribbon not
extending across the longitudinal fold lines; and

(c) cutting the web of noncorrugated paperboard and the laminated first ribbon and
second ribbon across their length into a carton blank ~~blanks~~ having panels, the first ribbon and
the second laminated ribbon reinforcing ~~at least one panel of each of the carton blank~~ blanks.

26. (Currently Amended) [[A]] ~~The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 25 and where in step (b)~~ wherein at least one of the first ribbon or the second
ribbon of reinforcing material ~~is a ribbon of~~ comprises paperboard.

27. (Currently Amended) [[A]] ~~The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 26 and wherein~~ at least one of the first ribbon or the second ribbon of
paperboard ~~is~~ comprises paperboard trim.

28. (Currently Amended) [[A]] ~~The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 26 and wherein~~ at least one of the first ribbon or the second ribbon of
paperboard ~~is~~ comprises paperboard cull.

29. (Currently Amended) [[A]] ~~The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 25 and wherein step (b) comprises advancing the~~ first ribbon and the second
ribbon of reinforcing material along ~~paths a path,~~ applying adhesive to the first ribbon and the
second ribbon of reinforcing material, and bringing the first ribbon and the second ribbon into
contact with the web to adhere the first ribbon and the second ribbon to the web.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) [[A]] ~~The method of making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 25 30 and wherein~~ at least a first edge panel portion extends ~~panel portions~~

~~extend~~ along opposed edges of the noncorrugated paperboard web and wherein ~~at least one of the~~
~~ribbons~~ the first ribbon of reinforcing material is positioned within the first edge ~~[[a]]~~ panel
portion ~~along an edge of the web of noncorrugated paperboard.~~

32. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of ~~making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 25 30 and~~ wherein the web of noncorrugated paperboard has opposed edges
wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the first panel portion extends along the web intermediate the opposed edges, at
~~least one of the ribbons~~ the first ribbon of reinforcing material being applied within the first
panel portion ~~intermediate the edges of the web of noncorrugated paperboard.~~

33. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method of ~~making reinforced paperboard cartons as~~
~~claimed in claim 25 30 and~~ wherein ~~at least one of the ribbons~~ an additional ribbon of reinforcing
material is applied atop ~~another one of the ribbons~~ the first ribbon or the second ribbon of
reinforcing material ~~within the panel portion~~ to form multiple layers of reinforcing material
~~within the panel portion of said web of noncorrugated paperboard.~~

34.-76. (Canceled)